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Public Summit '88 MBA Looks to Future

by Chad Enders
and Braxton Perkins

On Thursday, January 28, the MBA student body was exposed to the Public Summit 1988 program and became the first people in Nashville to vote on the preferable future of U.S.-Soviet relations. U.S. District Judge Tom Wiseman and editor of *The Tennessean* John Seigenthaler presented the options, started a spirited debate, and directed voting.

There were basically four choices: (1) a conservative, commie-bashing, Reagan doctrine type choice for escalating arms race and Third World conflicts in order to obtain superiority over the dreaded bolsheviks, (2) a competitive approach to relations in non-nuclear fields advocating disarmament, (3) a liberal problem-solving co-operative relation advocating regional solutions and arms control, (4) a trip back in time to isolationism and Fortress America.

Before the school voted and after the speakers heatedly debated pros and cons of each choice, MBA students received the chance to ask poignant questions and to argue against the necessity of a first strike posture involving SDI and MX-class missiles in order to deter Soviet aggression. Trevor Edwards put in his say for the technological

benefits of SDI while at the same time arguing that SDI should be a bargaining chip. Following points made by James Gooch and other underclassmen and ignoring the plans for asymmetrical disarmament in his own personal choice, Tom Benning delivered a beautiful, ten minute lecture on para-military battle plans and the more detailed facts of invisioned European war, all the while warning Americans not to trust those "commie bastards." (Yes, Tom, we love mortars, too.) In one of the most heated speeches, Bill Penuel blistered the hypocrisy of Benning's imperialist ambitions and condemned the conservative thirst for "equality by dominance." The conservatives countered with Jim Harwell's challenge of naming one time America had been imperialistic or meddled in another country's affairs for the benefit of our own capitalist ideology. Despite the degree of difficulty in meeting that challenge, the liberals eventually were able to think of Vietnam, Haiti, Chile, Mozambique, Panama, Cuba, Grenada, and, of course, Nicaragua to name but a few.

Overall, the MBA community enjoyed the opportunity to speak out for American policy (as opposed to going to class) and hopes to be involved in further discussions.



Photo by David Fletcher
Geordie Gillett speaks his mind in the Mock U.N. Assembly.



Photo by Tom Gutow
Mr. Billy Tate conducts the award ceremony at the Southern Bell Forum debate tournament held at MBA in January.

Southern Bell Forum VI

by John Lamb

The Southern Bell Forum VI, held our first week back to school in January, has been a significant debate tournament with national recognition and prestige. Mr. Tate tells all:

BR: Mr. Tate, what sets the Southern Bell Forum apart from other national debate tournaments?

Mr. Tate: The Southern Bell Forum is probably the best-judged tournament in the nation, according to the participants. People from coast to coast have told me that they've never been to a competition, including the national tournament, with a higher quality of judging. At our tournament this year, for example, we had the directors of debate from many of the prestigious college programs who come here knowing they'll have a chance to see the best debaters in the country. Many of these people will be offered scholarships to debate at the various schools. Specifically this year, we had the directors of debate from Dartmouth, Georgetown, American University, Samford University, University of Kentucky, Baylor University in Waco, Texas, University of Iowa, and people representing a number of debate programs throughout the south and all over the nation, and these people help make up the (judging) pool that we are so proud of.

BR: What do the letters from participants say about the tournament?

Mr. Tate: The letters were most complimentary; one letter in particular we had from the state of Massachusetts said that in four years of debating, this particular student ranked this as the number one tournament which she ever attended; the one she enjoyed most because of the

Mikell Masterminds Mock U.N. Assembly

by Burt Fulmer

On Tuesday, January 11, months of rigorous preparation faced the final test - The First Annual Model United Nations General Assembly. Thirty-one of Mr. Mikell's American Government students representing twenty-two countries and the P.L.O., met in Wallace Hall to argue four resolutions concerning world politics. The students had studied the inner-workings of the American political system from government guru, David Mikell. The class began studying foreign policy at the end of the semester, making the Model U.N. an ideal test of the students' knowledge. They were able to learn more about the U.N., which they had already studied extensively, as well as

great deal about their particular country's background and political desires.

Countries from all over the globe were represented in this festive forum of foreign policy. John Henry "The Wailer" Rice represented the country that brought us Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, and ganga, Jamaica. Numerous assassinations were attempted by Libian delegates, Mike McNally and Mohamar Poe, and the Palestine Liberation Organization's Tommy Hayes. Sean Dudley brought his West German accent and Lyle McDonald, the UN's only spectator, brought his chops. The superpowers also showed up as Marc Smith and Hunt Nichols represented the United States

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A Retort to Conservatism

by Braxton P. Perkins

For many years, the small country of Nicaragua has suffered from the conservative anxiety of a few right-wing men who live thousands of miles away. In recent *Bell Ringer* issues, Jim and Sam Harwell have presented the Reagan cause and the strong conviction that since the Sandinistas are communists, they are illegitimate. The peace plan is a joke, something to laugh at and mock. However, the reality of the situation dictates otherwise.

Despite the rigorous anti-communist rhetoric of Reagan and the conservatives, Contra aid is not a viable solution to the problems of Nicaragua. The Contras are fascist war-mongers who represent no more loyalty to democratic principles than our favorite German, Adolf Hitler. In fact, one Contra was quoted by newsmen Peter Norton at stating: "I love killing; I have been killing for the past

seven years. There's nothing I like better. If I could, I'd kill several people a day." Nevertheless, they are "freedom fighters," aren't they? They should have the freedom to kill communists and retrieve the prized economic wealth of Somoza that the people of Nicaragua thought they had a right to share in. Even on a strategic level, the Contras do not succeed, as evident in the fact that for six years they have fought without a significant military victory. Viron P. Vaky of the Carnegie Endowment states that the Contras "still have no credible claim to political support or acceptance within Nicaragua." Another problem with Contra aid is that with continued support, the United States runs the risk of intervening militarily, caught in a Vietnam-type scenario. Intervention would not be a happy event: Nicaraguans would die, Americans would die, our allies would resent us, a new generation would be disillusioned, families

would be broken, and most significantly the world would face the risk of nuclear devastation. But come on Braxton, they're communists who plan to invade the United States and overrun a foreign country to die just because a majority of peasants like the ideas of the nineteenth-century thinker Karl Marx.

Communists or not, the Sandinistas are not bad guys; they are nationalists who wanted to end years of mindless repression and violence. Yes, they have committed human rights abuses, but were the Americans any nicer to the Filipinos in the early twentieth century or to Japanese-American citizens during World War Two? They are in a state of war caused entirely by the fact that a few fascists want their power back and that a 76 year old man dislikes the economic theory of collective ownership.

What about the Soviets? Well, Gorbachev offered to end Soviet military aid to Ortega if

we stopped aid to the Contras. If the U.S. would quit living in the black/white zone of the cold war, we could force the Soviets and Sandinistas to diplomatic bondage if we would only accept that the Sandinistas are the legitimate government of Nicaragua. But, some can't accept the vital premise of our own domestic tradition, that government is by the people, for the people, and of the people. I guess that since the majority of people in Nicaragua are socialists that they do not deserve the right to govern. A little, simple hypocrisy is okay, isn't it?

Well, the choice is simple, but not simple enough for Reagan. The United States can continue contra aid, wreck the peace initiatives, and continue a bloody civil war that ruins the economy of both nations. The United States can accept the Sandinistas and isolate them in a static containment strategy

much like we have with Cuba now, a constantly unfriendly neighbor in our backyard. The United States can send troops into the country, kill a bunch of people, alienate themselves, and touch off a global international conflagration. Or, the United States can end support of fascist groups, end the war, negotiate with the Sandinistas, and diplomatically keep the dreaded communists in check. It can have such a significant effect on the lives of millions of people who really do not care about the U.S.-Soviet Cold War. They want freedom, they want stability, and they want peace. We must respect the ideals of our own democratic heritage in our own foreign policy. The people of Nicaragua support the Sandinistas and the Arias peace Initiative. Give the people what they want, and tell Jim, Sam, and the 76 year old man in the white house somewhere north of Managua that "You can't always get what you want."

Student Spirit: In or Out?

by Rob Archer

I am writing in response to recent criticism thrust upon the present squad of cheerleaders for our own school.

First of all, I'd like to admit that some of the criticism is justly deserved. Personally, I think some of the ideas for pep rallies (such as cone-eating and the licorice incident) and signs ("Jump the Creek") are a little off-the-wall and perhaps a little

stupid. But I have not heard one suggestion from any member of the student body on how to make cheerleading better.

Personally, I can handle criticism as long as it is constructive criticism. By constructive criticism, I mean that after the criticism comes a suggestion (and a feasible suggestion, please) on what to do to make cheerleading better. If no suggestion is offered, the criticism becomes an

immature waste of time that does no one any good. I would not have to write this editorial if any practical suggestions had been made in the first place.

Another point I'd like to make while I have the chance is this: how does the student body have the right to criticize the cheerleaders when the average crowd for a basketball game this year has

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MBA Students Vote For Congressman

by Jim Harwell

Terry Holcomb took first place in a straw poll conducted by the student council a month ago at Montgomery Bell Academy.

The poll was conducted in the cafeteria during the three lunch periods so that every student could vote.

Republican nominee Terry Holcomb took first place with 43%. His opponent, Democratic nominee, Bob Clement took third place with 11%. A surprise upset was Chas Hewgley, who took second with 26%. Joe Driscoll took fourth with 4%.

Other people receiving votes were former President Nixon,

President Ronald Reagan, Presidential candidates Jesse Jackson and Pat Robertson, former mayoral candidates Phil Bredesen

Straw Poll Results

Terry Holcomb	— 70
Chas Hewgley	— 42
Bob Clement	— 18
Joe Driscoll	— 6
Phil Bredesen	— 3
Jesse Jackson	— 1
Richard Nixon	— 1
Betty Nixon	— 1
Ronald Reagan	— 1
other	— 20

and Betty Nixon. Chas Hewgley, a student, was voted the Most Outstanding Boy in the Junior Class last year.

Jim Harwell, President of the MBA chapter of the Teen Age Republicans, said, "I was surprised at Bob Clement's low level of support. Obviously very few students think he would make a good Congressman. On the other hand, Chas Hewgley has a good future in politics. The best part of the straw poll was Terry Holcomb defeating Bob Clement by 70 votes to 18."

It seems, however, that MBA disagreed with the community as Bob Clement won the election handily. Maybe senior Chas Hewgley ought to enter politics. He has MBA's support under his belt.

"Congrats to MBA for a successful Southern Bell Forum." -- from a friend

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A Date with Speight

by Marion Southall

Some people say that you cannot judge a book by its cover. But if you could judge a student body by its president, you could come up with some real funny jokes by looking at MBA president Richard Speight.

In a very relaxed interview, Speight describes himself as "a social infant, goofy, wimpy, not average, and a freak." As president of the Student Council, Speight believes that he is not only the shortest and least athletic of previous presidents but also the one with the lowest grade point average.

So after describing himself in a manner that leaves everything to be questioned, I asked him what on earth made him want to become "head hauncho" on the Hill. Speight gives his reasons why he wanted to be student body president. "Well, I have been running for president for many years. And I decided to

give it a try. It couldn't hurt to run."

But besides becoming president (which seemed to be a life-long dream of his), I asked Speight what was his greatest accomplishment. "Well, Marion," he began, "I passed Honors Chemistry with Dr. Neergaard." Feeling lost, I asked him to give accomplishments he might have done as student body president. One that he named was the Outward Bound program started up between MBA and St. Cecilia. Well, that did not really seem like much of an accomplishment until Speight said that there were St. Cecilia girls in the parking lot everyday and that guys like Bobby LeBrec and Leonard Warren were getting dates all the time.

Later, I asked Richard about the weirdest thing(s) that he might have done while on the Hill. His first response was "hanging out with Ben Tate"

and using the phrase "donka Bain." Another odd thing Speight admitted to was the fact that he took Calculus AB. Now to the normal person, this does not amount to that big of a deal until he said that he "is not that good of a math student."

But the weirdest thing that Richard Speight personally admits to is his wearing of zip-up boots. In further questioning, Speight said that he got the idea to wear the boots from Patrick Roberts, who was joking about them at the time. But afterwards, he "found a pair in my dad's closet he wore to Woodstock or something," and from there, the rest is history. Although he describes them as "ugly brown things," he said that he really did not know why he wore them. "I have never really been fashionably on top of things," he said. "And I got attached to them because they are so stinking ugly. Maybe I was making a

fashion statement that ugly is in."

Whether ugly is in or out, Richard, who has been at MBA for six years, gives some good advice to newcomers here on the Hill. "Don't get caught up in trying to do too well. Do as much as you can and take five. If you don't, you will put too much pressure on yourself."

"Just do what you can and hang loose the rest of the time and you will enjoy your stay here a lot more."

Speight does not see too many changes for MBA in the near future, even though he will not be here. Some predictions for the 1988-89 year: the pep rallies will be quieter, attendance at school functions will get smaller, we will have a better faculty because they will have been "broken in" (referring to our twelve new faculty members), everything will become less chaotic, and unfortunately, we will be an all-boys school.

However, Speight likes the fact that there are no girls at MBA. "I thank my lucky stars there are no girls here," he said.

"[The no-girls situation] creates a more relaxed atmosphere and allows the guys to develop more of a personality. We never have to compete socially and we can become closer with ourselves as friends." Speight goes on to say that MBA will never have girls. He explains that MBA is a school rich in tradition and MBA is a school that "knows what it's doing."

But even if Richard Speight is "not a Robbie Bueno....not smart....not athletic....and plays in a group called The Distortion Haws," he considers himself "most unique" and someone who "may be a breath of fresh air or may be a posse from Hell." Either way, Richard Speight is a man who brings an entirely new dimension to the term "president."



Photo by Devraj Basu
Dr. Neergaard plays "Talkin' Candy Bar Blues" for his fourth annual MBA concert.

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hospitality, the friendliness of the people who hosted the tournament, and the high quality of the judging, and of course, she was very pleased with the first-place trophy she won as well.

BR: What kind of effort does it involve to put a tournament like the Southern Bell Forum together?

Mr. Tate: First of all, we have a firm dependency on the astute administration. Mr. Bondurant, Mr. Drake, and Mr. Laird Smith all help in the initial planning of the tournament. But of course, several of the faculty members have been kind enough to assist us in various responsibilities which they have expertise in. The most important area as far as an ongoing basis every single year are the parents and the students who have been very generous in their time and efforts and so forth in making this hospitality unequalled in the nation's tournaments. I think that if you ask anyone who has attended, they will say that this tournament surpasses any other in

hospitality. The Southern Bell has not only achieved its reputation, we have been able to sustain this reputation year after year. I think if you check with the people around, they'll probably tell you that this is very, very true.

BR: What kind of effect does the Southern Bell Forum have on the reputation of the school in general?

Mr. Tate: Certainly a very positive one, because of the people who come here have been kind enough to say very good things about the tournament, and been kind enough to tell us that it's been the highlight of their school year. Immodestly, we can say that there are those who say it's more important for them to come here than to go to the national tournament because of our hospitality and because, as I've mentioned earlier, the judging pool. The students that come here, I can tell you, come from 80 different schools; and that's the kind of wide-spread diversity that has made the tourna-

ment known throughout the nation.

BR: Is there anything you'd like to add in reference to the Southern Bell Forum?

Mr. Tate: I think this year's tournament was probably our best one ever for a number of reasons. Certainly the snow was not one of them. The reasons being that the hotel facilities at the Union Station Hotel, according to our guests, were absolutely magnificent, the little extras we did this year concerning some entertainment went over a big hit, and the coaches' party Saturday night at the hotel was probably the most successful function of this type we've had seen so far. The competition was additionally keen, and the decisions close, and I can add this, by the way: one of the teams last year who was in the semi-finals here won the national championship and the Lincoln/Douglas winner at Emory University in February did not make our final round at MBA, so we expect good things from good teams who have participated here. There you have it.

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The Service Club has already had the satisfaction of working at several home basketball games. Often it was difficult to find volunteers to work. Nevertheless, the determination of many proud Service Club members made certain that ticket sales and gym cleanup were handled with proficiency and virility. It might even be fair to say that the Big Red's winning ways can somewhat be attributed to the outstanding work of the Service Club.

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Another feat the Service Club readily handled was working for and at Summer Expo '88. While the workers were scarce a few members handled the job of sitting at a table for five hours very well.

While students may be perturbed by the Service Club's funding of erasing the graffiti and other blasphemous statements from the library carrels the faculty and other victim should be quite pleased. The Service Club supplied a modest amount of money to this needed project, but it may be in vain, for writing has already appeared and will most likely continue to appear.

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Early College Acceptances

by Rob Barrett

The student's full name has been written several thousand times, MBA's collage board code number has been seared into the collective senior class mind, and the sound of deranged laughter caused by having to write so many different essays echoes down the halls. Once the frenzy of filling out college application forms has subsided, the part that is not fun — the waiting — begins.

Luckily for them, a remarkably large number of seniors (46 out of 82) have already heard from colleges. A presumably infallible list, garnered from the corner of Ms. Mary Comfort Stevens' northeastern liberal-arts college propaganda board is as follows (in very approximate chronological order up through February 27). Note that these are acceptances and NOT decisions. Some may be waiting for other acceptances in April:

Jay Riven: Northwestern Emory	Charlie Hailey: Auburn Tulane	Leonard Warren: USC
Andrew Bond: Vanderbilt	Mike Poe: Auburn Ole Miss	Chuck Resha: Hanover
Robert Jack: Vanderbilt	Sean Dudley: Chic. Art Inst. School of Arts Pratt Institute	Jeff Owen: Vanderbilt
Ben Tate: Vanderbilt	Jim Harwell: Hillsdale	Banks Link: Auburn
Robbie Westermann: Virginia	Trever Edwards: Alabama Tenn. Tech	Geordie Gillett: Wisconsin Colorado St. Colorado
Jay Knowles: Wesleyan	Tom Gutow: Wisconsin	Patrick Roberts: Birm. South Wittenberg
Steve Jobe: Pennsylvania	Arthur Henderson: Alabama	Marc Smith: Tennessee
Tommy Vandever: Penn Illinois	Sterling Price: North Carolina	Rob Archer: Baylor
Jim Norris: Duke	David Spickard: UNC	Bob Napier: Alabama
Emmett Russell: Georgia	Bob Labrec: Emory	David Fletcher: Maryville Clemson
Jay McKnight: W & L	David Frederiksen: Georgia Denison	Demetri Patikas: Wittenberg
Seth Asher: Auburn Charleston Alabama	Lyle McDonald: Naval Acad. UCLA	John Overfield: Wake Forest
Park Thomas: Boston Univ.	Kurt Gilliland: North Carolina	Stephen Witt: Florida
John Israel: Concordia Evansville	Mike Morrissey: Birm. South Millsaps	David Chen: Cornell
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actually increased sanctions. Although the amendment was illegitimate because it changed the basic meaning of the resolution, it passed. Mr. Mikell purposefully, failed to call on the South African delegation, so that the amendment saw little opposition. Though Sir Dulla from Australia finally spoke in favor of the original resolution, the amendment was successful. The third resolution sought to end the Iran/Iraq War. Geordie Gillett and Tom Rogers from Iraq, and Steve Zibas from Iran ended up doing more name calling than discussion of the resolution, but the issue was decided. The resolution failed. Finally, the third world proposed a resolution to decrease nuclear spending and re-allocate that money to aid for the Third World countries. The tired delegates quickly passed this resolution. Though, it was the first MBA UN, with the guidance of Mr. Mikell, the experience was entertaining, as well as educational.

Early College Acceptances

by Rob Barrett

The student's full name has been written several thousand times, MBA's collage board code number has been seared into the collective senior class mind, and the sound of deranged laughter caused by having to write so many different essays echoes down the halls. Once the frenzy of filling out college application forms has subsided, the part that is not fun — the waiting — begins.

Luckily for them, a remarkably large number of seniors (46 out of 82) have already heard from colleges. A presumably infallible list, garnered from the corner of Ms. Mary Comfort Stevens' northeastern liberal-arts college propaganda board is as follows (in very approximate chronological order up through February 27). Note that these are acceptances and NOT decisions. Some may be waiting for other acceptances in April:

Jay Riven: Northwestern Emory
Andrew Bond: Vanderbilt
Robert Jack: Vanderbilt
Ben Tate: Vanderbilt
Robbie Westermann: Virginia
Jay Knowles: Wesleyan
Steve Jobe: Pennsylvania
Tommy Vandever: Penn Illinois
Jim Norris: Duke
Emmett Russell: Georgia
Jay McKnight: W & L
Seth Asher: Auburn
Charleston
Alabama

Park Thomas: Boston Univ.
John Israel: Concordia
Evansville
Bill Penuel: Clark
Paul Moffat: Auburn

Charlie Hailey: Auburn
Tulane
Mike Poe: Auburn
Ole Miss
Sean Dudley: Chic. Art Inst.
School of Arts
Pratt Institute
Jim Harwell: Hillsdale
Trever Edwards: Alabama
Tenn. Tech
Tom Gutow: Wisconsin
Arthur Henderson: Alabama
Sterling Price: North Carolina
David Spickard: UNC
Bob Labrec: Emory
David Frederiksen: Georgia
Denison

Lyle McDonald: Naval Acad.
UCLA
Kurt Gilliland: North Carolina
Mike Morrissey: Birm. South.
Millsaps

Leonard Warren: USC
Chuck Resha: Hanover
Jeff Owen: Vanderbilt
Banks Link: Auburn
Geordie Gillett: Wisconsin
Colorado St.
Colorado
Patrick Roberts: Birm. South.
Wittenberg
Marc Smith: Tennessee
Rob Archer: Baylor
Bob Napier: Alabama
David Fletcher: Maryville
Clemson

Demetri Patikas: Wittenberg
John Overfield: Wake Forest
Stephen Witt: Florida
David Chen: Cornell
Hunt Nichols: Colorado
Steve Zibas: Auburn

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Top Sixty of the 1960's

by Rick Barksdale

The following songs were chosen by 60 MBA students as being the top songs of the 1960's. The rankings are in the left column. First-place votes are in parentheses.

1. "White Rabbit".....Jefferson Airplane (14)
2. "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay".....Otis Redding (13)
3. "The End".....The Doors (12)
4. "Sympathy for the Devil".....Rolling Stones (11)
5. "Ruby Tuesday".....Rolling Stones (10)
6. "Under My Thumb".....Rolling Stones
7. "Bad Moon Rising".....CCR (9)
8. "I Heard It Through the Grapevine".....Marvin Gaye
9. "Light My Fire".....The Doors
10. "Honkey Tonk Woman".....Rolling Stones (8)
11. "Purple Haze".....Jimi Hendrix
12. "So You Want to Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star".....Byrds
13. "Subterranean Homesick Blues".....Bob Dylan
14. "All Along the Watchtower".....Jimi Hendrix (7)
15. "Born to Be Wild".....Steppenwolf
16. "Break on Through".....The Doors
17. "Brown Eyed Girl".....Van Morrison
18. "Heartful of Soul".....Yardbirds
19. "Livin' Lovin' Maid".....Led Zeppelin
20. "Me and Bobby McGee".....Janis Joplin
21. "Sunshine of Your Love".....Cream
22. "Under the Boardwalk".....Drifters
23. "White Room".....Cream
24. "Alice's Restaurant".....Arlo Guthrie (6)
25. "Louie, Louie".....Kingsmen
26. "My Generation".....The Who
27. "Satisfaction".....Rolling Stones
28. "Sgt. Pepper".....Beatles
29. "Take a Little Piece of My Heart".....Janis Joplin
30. "While My Guitar Gently Weeps".....Beatles
31. "Tambourine Man".....Bob Dylan/Byrds
32. "Tracks of My Tears".....Smokey Robinson
33. "We've Got to Get Out of This Place".....Zombies
34. "What's Going On".....Marvin Gaye
35. "Wild Thing".....Troggs
36. "With a Little Help".....Beatles
37. "California Dreamin'".....Mama's and Papa's
38. "Jumpin' Jack Flash".....Rolling Stones
39. "Magic Carpet Ride".....Steppenwolf
40. "Mellow Yellow".....Donovan
41. "Paint It Black".....Rolling Stones
42. "Roundabout".....Yes
43. "Somebody to Love".....Jefferson Airplane
44. "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes".....CSN
45. "China Cat Sunflower".....Grateful Dead
46. "Crossroads".....Cream and Billy Dickson
47. "Dazed and Confused".....Led Zeppelin
48. "Gimme Shelter".....Rolling Stones
49. "Here Comes the Sun".....Beatles
50. "I Got a Woman".....Led Zeppelin
51. "Play with Fire".....Rolling Stones
52. "Revolution".....Beatles
53. "Secret Agent Man".....Johnny Winters
54. "Strange Brew".....Cream
55. "Tangled up in Blue".....Bob Dylan
56. "Tears of a Clown".....Smokey Robinson
57. "Touch Me".....Doors
58. "Twist and Shout".....Beatles
59. "Whole Lotta Love".....Led Zeppelin
60. "Woodstock".....Joni Mitchell/CSN

Nashville Gets A Rush

by Robbie Westermann

On February 22, the most talented three man band in the world rolled its spectacular show into Nashville. The Canadian rock band RUSH, consisting of lead vocalist, bassist, and keyboard master Geddy Lee, drummer Neil Peart, and guitarist Alex Lifeson, invaded Municipal Auditorium promoting their fall release entitled *Hold Your Fire*. The show was highlighted by a brilliant light show, awesome lasers, an impressive drum solo, and overall quality music.

After a performance by former Styx lead singer Tommy Shaw, the lights dimmed and the crowd anticipated the excitement of hearing superior live music. With darkness set over the auditorium, one could hear the familiar music from the theme song of the three stories that start all of RUSH concerts. Suddenly, the lights brightened as RUSH kicked into their hit of *Power Windows*, *The Big Money*. With videos playing on the large screen behind the stage and lasers flashing everywhere, RUSH played for the crowd two former hits, *Subdivisions* and the hard-rocking *Limelight*. After a welcome from Lee, the band continued the show with an excellent playing of *Marathon*, a song which deals with aspects of an endurance race. The song was highlighted by green lasers

forming on the video screen the image of a human running. The first song to be played off the new album release was *Turn the Page*, which was followed by other new releases such as *Prime Mover*, *Mission*, *Force Ten*, *Lock & Key*, a song introduced by a video involving a man about to be executed, and the most popular hit, *Time Stand Still*. *Subdivisions* was the only song played off the powerful *Signet* album, while *Distant Early Warning* and *Red Sector A* were the two releases played off of *Grace Under Pressure*.

Four songs, *The Big Money*, *Marathon*, *Territories*, & *The Manhattan Project*, were played from last year's release of *Power Windows*. The three hit songs of the evening were *YYZ* & *Tom Sawyer* off *Moving Pictures*, and *The Spirit of Radio* from *Permanent Waves*. *YYZ* is the purely instrumental tune which contains a drum solo by Peart. However, surprising everyone, Peart started his solo toward the end of the song and not at the usual point after Lee does his own little bass solo. This magnificent solo was filled with a variety of beats and drum fills by Peart. With his set spinning around several times, lasers leaving from behind him, and all eyes and lights on him, Peart proved to Nashville that he is simply the best. RUSH wrapped up their main set with their two

most popular hits of the '80's. *The Spirit of Radio*, which is usually played at the opening of the show, was played with brilliance and when the lights were shown on the crowd, one could see it was certainly enthralled. After this song, the concert hall was again dark and the beginning of the *Moving Pictures* video was shown on the screen. The cartoon-figured little girl on the video looked out from the screen and counted to 4 and at 4, the band commenced one of their finest masterpieces, *Tom Sawyer*. It appeared as if this would be the last song, but the crowd was surprised and certainly thrilled when the band returned to play an encore. The encore was *La Ville Strangiato*, an eight minute rocking instrumental that concluded a definitely awesome show. During this song, about two-thousand red balloons with the slogan *Hold Your Fire* flooded from the ceiling and anxious fans gathered them in as souvenirs.

For this RUSH fan, sitting on the fifth row and witnessing such a performance was quite a thrill. I feel that RUSH music is clearly superior and being able to see them perform their songs almost to perfection is certainly an experience. Their talent is by all means unsurpassed and their live show unbeatable. Besides, I avoided all the chaos and confusion at the volleyball game.

MBA Pep Band Fires Up Basketball Crowds

by Rally Dupps

The MBA pep band has had an incredible season so far and plans to continue its highly successful career indicative of its highly talented musicians. The band consists of Drew Nord (drums), Stephen Smith (keyboard), Rally Dupps (guitar), and Josh "the kicker bassman" King.

The band's repertoire includes classics such as "Fame" by Jefferson Starship, "Day Tripper" by the Beatles, and the Blues Brothers' rendition of "Gimme Some Lovin'". Experimental songs, such as R.E.M.'s "The One I Love," the "Peter Gunn Theme" and our own songs continue to please fans. This year's pep band is under the able leadership of Drew Nord, member of the na-

tionally reknown "Distortion Hawks" and the up-and-coming "Inspector 12".

The pep band plays during the Friday M.B.A. home basketball games and are featured during quarters, half time, and wind up the evening with a post-game show.

The pep band has taken a dramatic turn for the better in the past two years and looks forward to an even brighter future. Though this group has not yet landed any recording contract with RCA, this four man team will continue to write its own page in music history.



The Pep Band

Photo by Arthur Henderson

(l-r) Drew Nord, Josh King, Rally Dupps, and Steve Smith

ENTERTAINMENT

The 70's Return With Redd Kross

by Scott Galloway

It's 1988, and for some, it seems that the 70's was only a mythological "Golden Age." Into this world, however, enters Redd Kross. Redd Kross consists of four long-haired crusaders who attempt to revive these "happy times." Picture, if you will, an L.A. garage band clad in beads, buckskin jackets - complete with fringe - and bell-bottoms big enough to make your mouth water (an overall Louis Graber motif).

Redd Kross has to be the loudest and funniest conceptual band since the Ramones. They are a compilation of bands such as Kiss, Blue Cheer, and the Stooges. Kiss' influence on Redd Kross as a conceptual band is summed up in the picture of Gene Simmons (complete with tongue) on percussionist Ray McDonald's bass drum. On "Neurotica," the band displays its wide range of sounds. On "Play My Song" and "What

They Say," these guys play with wild abandon, but on "Love Is You" and "Beautiful Bye, Byes," one sees the serious side of Redd Kross. "Love Is You," an acoustic song, is perhaps the best on "Neurotica." When they perform this song live, they break into "Day Tripper." But by far the best song is the now classic "Mickey" by Toni Basil. On the title track, they sing: "Long-haired friends of Jesus/ In a chartreuse microbus/ Come on lose your mind/ Now you're one of us." Obviously, with such deep and meaningful lyrics as these, Redd Kross is bound for world-wide success, not to mention "Elvis-like" immortality. The best description of this band would be a group of satirists. I recommend "Neurotica" to anyone who is searching for the "ultimate" 70's band - or to anyone who has finally saved up 12 receipts from Cat's, and who is now entitled to a free record or tape.

The Smiths: A Retrospective

by Oman Sloan

Johnny Marr began his music career as a song writer in Britain. After relative success, he and strange lyricist Morrissey formed a group with Andy Rourke (bass) and Mike Joyce (drums). The Smiths were born.

Their first album, *The Smiths*, gained critical success in Britain and a college following in the U.S. *Hateful of Hollow*, a collection of songs from LP's, showed the dark and confused side of Morrissey. Songs such as "What Difference Does It Make?" "Still Ill," "Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now," and "Please Please Please Let Me Get What I Want" all reveal this attitude. Lyrics like "The devil will find work for idle hands to do I stole and I lied, and why? because you asked me to but now you make me feel so ashamed because I've only got two hands well, I'm still fond of you so what difference does it make?" from the song "What Difference Does It Make" tell about robbery, twisted loyalty, and abuse of this loyalty. Despite disturbing songs such as this one, *Hateful Hollow* seems almost funny with songs like "Hand in Glove" with laughably defiant lyrics: "Hand in glove/ the sunshines out of our behinds/

Yes, we may be hidden by 'rags' but we have something they'll never have/ And if the

people stare/ then, the people stare/ I really don't care/ and I really don't care."

They soon followed with *Meat Is Murder*. The album exhibited Marr's lasting ability for composing great music and Morrissey's uncanny ability to mix a sad, melancholy lyrical style with a twisted satire such as in "The Headmaster Ritual": "Belligerent ghouls/ run Manchester schools/ spineless swines/ cemented minds / Sir leads the troops/ jealous of youth / same old suit since 1962."

The Queen Is Dead, The Smiths' next album, seemed to be Marr's chance to show his capabilities. "Cemetery Gates" is Marr's best example on the album of his ability to compose music which incorporates all the instruments into a well orchestrated unit. Marr's acoustic guitar chords mix with Andy Rourke's heavy bass while Mike Joyce creates a quick, light drum beat. Morrissey stays in the background in this song, speaking out against plagiarism and those pompous people who take joy in shaming those for it.

Louder Than Bombs, their next album, contributed seven new songs out of twenty-four on the album. The best is probably the cut "London" about a boy who leaves his jealous family for London. Jonny Marr com-

Dr. Jacko and Mr. Zab



Bell Ringer photo by Kurt Gilliland

Mr. Zaborowski coaches, helps out with FCA, and teaches math, yet he still finds time to moonlight and has a successful show business career. One can see the powerful influence he has had on students such as senior Todd Wise.



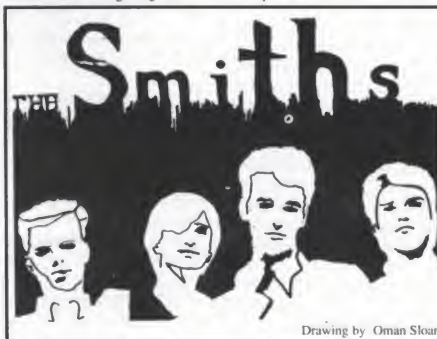
mands this fast, almost thrashing, song with riffs from his electric guitar that could shatter your eardrums.

But Marr and Morrissey began to have more and more disagreements about Morrissey taking all the publicity with his rash and rebellious statements. Marr didn't want to stay in the background. He wanted out. Fortunately, Marr stayed for *The Smiths* final album before they became defunct.

Strangeways, Here We Come consummated an all to brief career of *The Smiths*. The album begins with "A Rush and a Push." The song begins with

Morrissey striking amazingly haunting piano chords while he tells of the hanging of a boy with "a pretty white neck." The song explodes with Marr, Rourke, and Joyce playing cutting guitar licks and a deep, clashing drum beat. Morrissey, who is constantly thinking of strange sounds to make, breathes throaty grunts during the choruses.

Although *Strangeways...* exhibited Morrissey and Marr's ability to make great music together, they couldn't reconcile their differences and the group went defunct soon after the album was published.



Drawing by Oman Sloan

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SPORTS

Fred Forehand Foresees Feverish Fortune in Future for Frosh

by Charles Israel

In the closing days of January, the class of '91 took the court to face the 'Toppers from Hillwood for the regular season championship game. The Frosh, shorthanded because of the loss of leading scorer Tate McDaniel to ankle trouble, had to take to the bench early. An inexperienced bench and many players in foul trouble caused the team to falter, and they had to settle for second place. Sparked by a display of talent and grace by Rich Cummins, the Frosh

redeemed themselves with a forceful twenty point defeat over Overton's Bobcats.

They then squared off with the formidable Burros. Led by a great performance off the bench and a series of three point bombs by Taylor Mayes, the Frosh won a close decision. This win set the Frosh in a three way tie for second place in the district with Whites Creek and Hillsboro and a 4th place seeding in the district tournament. In their first and only tournament, Michael Brooks came off the bench for an outstanding performance, but

the Frosh couldn't get their game together and suffered a loss to the Colts from Glencoliff. Though it ended on a down beat, overall, the season was a success. Look for many of these players to be future varsity team players.

Coach Forehand has worked very hard this year in coaching the freshman teams in football and basketball. Many of these boys will be seen as future varsity MBA athletes. They have definitely proven themselves to be strong of heart and of mind this year.



Photo by Kurt Gilliland
Coach Fred Forehand observes the action in a freshman basketball game.

Soccer Preview

from staff reports

This year MBA is prepared for another successful soccer season under the direction of Coach John Lanier. The team will be led by David Fletcher, Tom Gutow, Chris Hall, Leonard Warren, David Bobo, Brandon Daniel, and Bobby Labrec. This is the second year that soccer has been a TSSAA sport. Last year MBA advanced to the regional finals but was eliminated by Father Ryan.

March 9	at BGA
March 11	at MUS
March 12	at Barlett
March 25	Overton
March 29	USN
March 31	at Clarksville
April 8	Father Ryan
April 12	at McGavock
April 15	Hendersonville
April 19	Hillwood
April 21	at Hillsboro



Photo by AP
Tom Benning takes a break between swimming events at Nashville Aquatic Center.

Talented MBA Faculty Members Mix with Students



Photo by Trevor Edwards



Photo by Devraj Basu

Top left: Mr. Herring jokes with his students in American History AP. Top right: Mrs. Christeson instructs Wendell Harmer in playing the harp in an assembly. Bottom left: Mr. Mikell draws a political cartoon on the board to illustrate a point about Jacksonian democracy to his history students. Bottom right: Mrs. Simmons directs traffic between the History Room and the library.



Photo by Kurt Gilliland



Photo by Kurt Gilliland

"Congratulations to Sowell and Enders for going to the state tourney in wrestling."

MICROBE B-BALL ROLLS

by Walter Southwood

After a tough overtime loss in the finals of the Overbrook Classic, the 1987-88 microbe basketball team headed into regular season play. After an easy victory over visiting St. Henry's, the Little Red traveled to Grassland. After a tremendous start, the team faltered and fell behind. The Little Red lost 46-53. The next game for the microbes was against the Brentwood Academy Eagles. Poor free-throw shooting caused MBA to come up short again, 33-36. Next for the team were two games against FRA. The Little Red won both games 51-24 and 50-28. Balanced scoring in both games and Jackson Wray's 12 points in the second game highlighted the team victories. MBA continued its winning ways in a close 34-31 victory over Brentwood Middle. BGA was the Little Red's next opponent. It was a close game all the way as Glen Harris hit a 17-footer with 7 seconds to put the game into overtime. Wray controlled the boards as the Little Red clinched the victory as Dickey was 5 for 6 from the line in O.T. In the team's final regular season game, the MBA microbes traveled to Ensworth. The team was paced by Tiger's 15 points, Dickey's 12 points, and strong play by David Fitzgerald. As the game came down to the wire, Brook's stuff of Ensworth's star Shad Weaver virtually took him out of the game. But it was not enough as some bad breaks caused the Little Red to fall 35-39.

SPORTS

Enders, Sowell Wrestle in State Tourney

by Chad Enders

Although this year was to be a "building year," the young varsity wrestling team had a very successful season, with (unusual in past years) a winning record. Key victories were claimed against a tough Whites Creek team (to win their own dual meet round-robin tournament) and Brentwood Academy, whom they had not beaten in at least the past five years. The major factor to their victories was the full line up in the weight classes, forfeiting only six points a match on the average.

In regular season tournaments, the Big Red was not as successful as in past years, placing only two at Overton: Greg Downer 4th at 119 and Steve Sowell 3rd at 152. Against Father Ryan, Greg Downer, Chad Enders, Chet Frist (4th), and Steve Sowell (2nd) placed. As former MBA wrestling coach Steve Williams said, though, "Nothing matters until District, Region, and State;" and indeed,



Chris Cigarran grimaces as he represents MBA in the 125-pound weight class.

Bell Ringer photos
by Arthur Henderson



Greg Downer, who is MBA's 119-pounder, makes his move in a varsity wrestling match.

this year's team, angered at a mere third in the dual-meet District tourney, were ready to prove their strength. With the addition of four wrestlers — freshman Robert Echols, sophomore Caleb Ludwick, the formerly-injured Dan Brooks, and

heavyweight Renard François — the grapplers entered the District, expecting to place a mere fifth. But noooooo!!!! Lo and behold, with major upsets by Chris Cigarran and Chet Frist and overall impressive wrestling, MBA qualified an un-

precedented nine wrestlers for the Region III tournament, placing a solid second as a team. Placing went as follows: John Bass 2nd at 112; Greg Downer 4th at 119; Chris Cigarran 4th at 125; Chad Enders 1st at 130; Robert Echols 3rd at 135; Chet

Frist 3rd at 140; Steve Sowell 3rd at 152; Dan Brooks 3rd at 171; and Sheldon Griffin 4th at 189.

The next week was a severe blow to the team. Not only did the team get lousy draws and suffer a Dan Brooks' injury, but also because of *FAMILY COMMITMENT*. Coach Killian was unable to attend practice (by the way, congratulations, Coach, on Emily's birth). The ranks of the team were gradually thinned until only the two starting seniors remained, with Steve Sowell placing 6th and Chad "Bonecrusher" Enders placing third.

The lone survivors entered the state tournament the next week, both with difficult draws. After their first matches, the slogan "Don't worry, I have eight seconds to win" was on both men's lips. Unfortunately, despite valiant efforts, neither placed but could at last enjoy pizza and other fine foods with the others, who will most certainly yield great performances in the years to come.

Tennis Team, Bill Cherry Eye State

by Kurt Gilliland

The chances for another superior MBA tennis season are strong since veteran junior Bill Cherry return after having been the singles TSSAA state champ the last two years. But can MBA defend the team state title this year?

Mr. Poston has scheduled a rather tough set of matches, including McCallie, Baylor, MUS, Germantown, and Knoxville Webb. Arthur Henderson, Sterling Price, and Frank "Super Gnat" Drowota will return with top-6 experience. Nate Sewell, Sharp Belote, and Leighton Thomas will also return with some varsity experience.

This year, the TSSAA championship format will be a little different in that there will be a state team tournament and a state singles and doubles tournament.

Good luck to Mr. Poston and the team in their quest for yet another state championship!

Varsity Tennis Schedule

April 2..... McCallie at MBA
April 4..... at Hillwood
April 6..... at Brentwood Academy
April 7..... at Baylor
April 8-9..... Rotary Tourney in Chattanooga
April 11..... USN at Centennial
April 12..... at Clarksville
April 15-16..... MUS, Germantown, Tupelo at MUS
April 18..... Hillsboro at MBA
April 19..... Brentwood High at MBA
April 20..... Brentwood Academy at MBA
April 21..... Knoxville Webb at Centennial
April 22-23..... Carter Invitational at MBA
April 25-28..... District Tourney at MBA
May 3..... Region 6 Team Semifinals
May 6..... Region 6 Team Finals
May 9-11..... Region 6 Singles/Doubles Tourney at MBA
May 13..... Sub-State Team Tourney at MBA
May 17..... State Team Tourney at Centennial
May 18-19..... State Singles/Doubles Tourney at Centennial

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ROLL RED ROLL

Photo by Arthur Henderson
Top left: Two ladies (alias Russell and Patikas) cheer on the MBA volleyball team.
Top right: Keeble hits a serve.
Bottom right: Atkinson calms the rowdy MBA fans.
Bottom left: The chaos of the unfinished match is obvious.



Photo by Simon Westlake



Photo by Kurt Gilliland



Photo by Simon Westlake

S P O R T S

Fred Forehand's Fly Fielders Foresee Forthcoming Follies

by Brooks Smith

After an exciting, but somewhat disheartening, 1987 season, the 1988 baseball team is hoping to better its 2nd place district finish of last year. This year's baseball team loses only five varsity players to graduation. Three of those five were pitchers. This loss of pitchers will make this a rebuilding season in respect to the pitching rotation. The varsity team has seven returning lettermen, including: Jim Harwell, Mike Morrissey, Jim Norris, Jeff Owen, Brad Reese, Brooks Smith, and Marc Smith. The experience each of these players gained over the 1987 summer will hopefully help the

team's performance this year. Mike Morrissey, Marc Smith and Brad Reese had excellent seasons with Twitty City. Jeff Owen and Jim Norris both had outstanding seasons with Brentwood, and Brooks Smith played well for Music City. The team is expecting to have a good season with Mike Morrissey's playing center field, Jim Harwell's pitching along with some infield, Jim Norris at third base and pitcher, Jeff Owen at second base, Brad Reese's covering short-stop, Brooks Smith in the outfield, and Marc Smith behind the plate. Hopefully moving up to varsity from last year's Junior Varsity will be Richard Arendale, Scott Bur-

row, Forrest Conner, Billy Crawford, Jay Ferguson, Kevin King, and Doug Miles. Trying out for the baseball team, along with those already named, are Jim Harwell, Mike Morrissey, Jim Norris, Jeff Owen, Brad Reese, Marc Smith, Brooks Smith, Billy Lyell, and Glen Harris.

The varsity baseball team will travel to Clearwater, Florida, during spring break for the annual baseball practices. The trip will hopefully set a good tone for the team's season, and most importantly, help the team to get back into baseball. The varsity baseball team is looking forward to a very rewarding 1988 season.



Photo by Piter Foster
Richard Arendale drives around a Father Ryan defender in a junior varsity basketball game.

Microbe Wrestling

by David Frazier
and Eric Crawford

This year, the microbe wrestling team, led by Coach Gaither and Coach Streed, finished the season with a 1-5-1 record. Considering the lack of experience, the microbes did well. Throughout the season, the team was led by a group of eighth graders consisting of David Frazier (82), Carter Baker (107), Mark Szydlo (112), and Eric Crawford (140).

The seventh graders look promising for next year. The starting team for the HVAC tournament consisted of Geoffrey Leek (75), David Frazier (82), Chris Peebles (100), Carter

Baker (107), Mark Szydlo (112), Robert Howell (120), Shannon Durrett (127), Andy Ward (133), Eric Crawford (140), and Tab Burkhalter (heavyweight).

David Frazier, Robert Howell, and Andy Ward received fourth-place medals. Carter Baker and Mark Szydlo won third-place medals, while Eric Crawford got a second-place medal.

All of the microbe wrestlers improved greatly since the beginning of the season. Geoffrey Leek, Andy Ward, Shannon Durrett, and Michael Gavigan are going to lead the team next year.

JV Basketball Has Successful Season

by Kirk Kaludis
and Matt Fisher

The 1988 Junior Varsity Basketball squad completed a highly successful campaign. Using the three-point line and playing hard-nosed ball, the JV posted a mark of 5-6. Though plagued by injuries, these court-hungry players played for better than expected.

The J.V. opened on the road at Overton with a tight 54-45 loss, despite Bo Healy's 12 points and Drew Robison's 9. MBA's next opponent was a highly athletic Hillsboro team. Mike Seshul threw in 12 points and Adam Smith hit a 3 pointer to tie it up at the end of regulation, but the Big Red could not edge out the Burros in overtime, losing 56-54.

Everyone was excited when BGA left West End. Every player scored for the Big Red, with James Gouch, and Bo Healy leading all scorers with 20 each in a 77-62 victory.

The JV's next two home

games turned up short for the Big Red. Pearl Cohn defeated MBA 52-50 with Richard Arendale putting in 12 points. Stratford brought their own version of the "Twin Towers" and defeated the Big Red 73-43. In the next game at Hunter's Lane, MBA worked out all the kinks to win 50-45. Impressive were Jay Gilliland, Jay Ferguson, Alden Smith, and Matt Fisher.

MBA saved some energy, though, to give one of the best performances of the year against Father Ryan. James Gouch's relentless bombers from 3 point range kept the purple guessing, while Bo Healy and Harrison Shull dominated in the point offensively with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Matt Fisher and Rob Murphy gave some added defense and rebounding in this 65-45 romp.

Following Ryan's dismissal, the JV's next two games ended bitterly in a 45-40 loss to Overton and a heart breaking road defeat at the hands of the red hot

Burros 94-61.

The JV rebounded from the ashes after the two unsuccessful outings, to play Antioch. In a close and exciting game, the Big Red overcame the Bears 48-46. MBA revealed multiple weapons as everyone contributed.

With the regular season ending, the JV entered the "Hendersonville International B-Team Tournament," featuring 16 midstate teams. MBA drew Clarkville in the opening round. By containing the quickness of their opponents, MBA galloped to a 67-57 victory behind Harrison Shull, who came alive with 13 points, 7 rebounds, and his intimidating short-rejecting defense. Now the JV will advance to meet Gallatin.

This season of ups and downs proved to be one of the best seasons in several years. Each player fulfilled his role and gained invaluable experience, which will guide them in the next two years during their varsity careers.

VARSITY BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Mar. 21	..... Hillsboro	..... at Trotwood Moore
Mar. 23	..... Hillwood	..... at M.B.A.
Mar. 24	..... Whites Creek	..... at Whites Creek
Mar. 25	..... Stratford	..... at Stratford
Mar. 28	..... Beech	..... at Drakes Creek
Mar. 29	..... Brentwood High	..... at Brentwood High
Mar. 31	..... Hendersonville	..... at M.B.A.
Apr. 1	..... Stratford	..... at M.B.A.
Apr. 2	..... McCallie	..... at M.B.A.
Apr. 4	..... Overton	..... at M.B.A.
Apr. 6	..... Pearl/Cohn	..... at Pearl/Cohn
Apr. 8	..... Ryan	..... at M.B.A.
Apr. 11	..... Hendersonville	..... at Drakes Creek
Apr. 13	..... Hillsboro	..... at M.B.A.
Apr. 15	..... Hillwood	..... at Hillwood
Apr. 18	..... Whites Creek	..... at M.B.A.
Apr. 20	..... Overton	..... at Overton
Apr. 22	..... Pearl/Cohn	..... at M.B.A.
Apr. 25	..... Ryan	..... at Centennial

Apr. 29 - May 2 - May 4 - Top Four Teams Play One Round For Championship

... WANING SCHOOL SPIRIT AT MBA

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been at best fifty people (that number includes some young ladies from Harpeth Hall), or about 10% of the student body. Here I'd like to sympathize with the basketball team. These guys are number one in the district and have basically accomplished this without the sixth

man, the crowd. Think of what they could accomplish with that sixth man. I applaud the team and boo the crowd. In my six years at MBA, I have never seen smaller crowds, if we can call them crowds.

I do admit that the team has some loyal followers, and they know who they are. I do not

believe that the followers are the critics of the cheerleaders. If students don't attend games, then they cannot justly criticize the cheerleaders. The cheerleaders ought to criticize the students. At least the cheerleaders support their basketball team, which is a great deal more than I can say for approximately 90% of the student body..

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SPORTS

SCRAPPER IS BACK

Marc Smith returns from injury to lead basketball

by Sterling Price

The Montgomery Bell Academy basketball team achieved something which has eluded them since the 1950's by winning the District 11-AAA regular-season title with an outstanding district record of 11-1. Since the last *Bell Ringer*, the Big Red has played very well. They started the second half of the season by participating in the prestigious Captain D's/Brentwood High School Tournament. MBA's first game was against a powerful Shelbyville team. The Eagles used a tenacious man-to-man defense to frustrate the Big Red and came away with a 74-57 victory. Mike Morrissey led the way with 14 points. In the consolation round, MBA faced Tullahoma. The Big Red ran out to an early lead, but Tullahoma came back and sent the game into overtime where they eventually won 79-76. Brad Reese scored 28 points with 6 impressive three-pointers. MBA returned after Christmas with frustrating

back-to-back losses against District 12 rivals Stratford and Hunters Lane, where the team did not play up to its potential. The annual rivalry with Father Ryan began a key stretch of five consecutive district games. With a new attitude and a new approach, the Big Red held off the Irish 57-52. Marc Smith, who had missed the early part of the season because of a football injury, found his old form and scored 21 points. Next for the team was a very important game against the Cobras of Whites Creek, who had handed the Big Red their only district loss earlier in the season. Playing after exams, MBA held close before eventually pulling out a 54-50 victory. Reese led the way with 21 points while Marc "Scrapper" Smith added 16. Following this win, the Big Red added victories over Overton, Hillwood, and Hillsboro to complete a five-game sweep of their important district games. MBA then defeated Antioch 70-67 as Reese hit a three-pointer to tie

and then another to win it in overtime. Next up were the Firebirds of Pearl-Cohn. MBA was able to escape with a 56-49 victory as Smith pumped in a season-high 27 points. The Big Red continued their winning streak with a 60-48 romp over Hillwood as Brad Reese had 21 points. With a 10-1 district record and an eight-game winning streak, MBA prepared to face Father Ryan with a chance to clinch the regular-season title. The Big Red received a blow the day before the game when Patrick Roberts broke his hand in a freak accident. It also appeared that the Big Red would be at disadvantage since it was THEME DAY. The team responded to this adversity, however, with perhaps its best game of the year, as they clinched the district title and the important #1 seed in the district tournament with a 64-50 thrashing of the Irish. Reese, Smith, Demetri Patikas, David Spickard, and Mike Morrissey all hit in the double figures to pace a well-

balanced attack.

The regular-season finale brought Cookeville to town. The Cavaliers had badly defeated MBA at the first of the season, but MBA held on tight all night, losing by one point as Brad Reese's prayer shot at the buzzer almost fell. Nonetheless, MBA was the District 11-AAA regular-season champion.

The next week, the district tournament began at Overton. MBA had a bye until the semifinals, where they destroyed Hillsboro.

The finals on Friday, February 26, were heated, for MBA met Whites Creek, who had handed the Big Red its only district loss back in November. MBA, with domination of the free throw line, defeated the Cobras 61-53, led by Marc Smith with 19, Brad Reese with 16, and Mike Morrissey with 11. This was MBA's first 11-AAA tournament championship in a good long while. The Big Red then moved into the regional tournament.



Photo by Devraj Basu

David Spickard takes the ball to the hoop strong against Father Ryan.

Varsity Track Schedule

March 9 (Wed).....	Hillwood.....	at MBA
March 25 (Fri).....	Overton.....	at MBA
March 31 (Thurs).....	Oak Ridge.....	at MBA
	Hunters Lane	
April 6 (Wed).....	Hillsboro.....	at Harpeth Hall
April 9 (Sat).....	Mid-South Classic.....	at Chatta. McCallie
April 13 (Wed).....	Glencoliff.....	at MBA
	Brentwood HS	
April 16 (Sat).....	Nashville Relays.....	at MBA
April 23 (Sat).....	Optimist Relays.....	at Overton
April 29 (Sat).....	Banner Relays.....	at McGavock
May 7 (Sat).....	AAA Regional Meet.....	at McGavock
May 14 (Sat).....	AAA State Meet.....	at MBA
May 19-20 (Fri-Sat).....	State Decathlon.....	at MBA



Chris Vlahos (55) puts a rebound back up for two points in a freshman basketball game against McGavock at Montgomery Bell Academy in January.

Photo by Devraj Basu

Harriers Prepare for Season

by Kurt Gilliland

With 19 lettermen returning and only 9 seniors lost from last year it looks as if this year's track team may be able to improve upon last year's Region III-AAA second-place finish.

Steve Zibas, who placed second in the state in the mile and two-mile last year, will lead the team this year. Rob Barrett will also contribute heavily to the sprints and relays.

Rob Archer will be a third-

year hurdler, while Dan Brooks, Edgar Bueno, and Demetri Patikas will handle the throwing events for the Red this year. Hopefully, Micheal McNally will be able to improve upon being second in the state pole vault from last year, in addition to running sprint relays along with Alden Smith and Emmett Russell. Steve Jobe will participate as a senior high jump specialist, while 800 m runners Chad Enders, Brandon Barrett,

Lanson Hyde, Kurt Gilliland, and Tommy Vandever are back. James Gooch will serve as a multi-purpose man who can run any race from 400 m through the two-mile, along with the high jump and pole vault. Jay Knowles will be an experienced senior leader in the mile and two-mile.

The season looks promising but long with 5 dual/triangular meets and 5 invitational meets.

Support the freshman track team this year!

March 9.....	Hillwood	April 7.....	Whites Creek
March 25.....	Overton	April 13.....	Franklin
March 30.....	Hawkins	April 20.....	City Meet

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